

WHAT IS AN EIS?

An Environmental Impact Statement:

- Is a process to evaluate and document impacts for conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969
- Applies to major federal actions
- Is a planning process that includes:
 - Demonstrating if the project is needed
 - Talking with agencies and citizens about their ideas and concerns
 - Developing a range of alternatives that could meet the project goals
 - Looking at the impacts of the alternatives
 - Considering agency and public comments
 - Choosing the best alternative when all factors are considered

